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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) RE S. RES. 287
(TEXTILE STUDY), APRIL 16, 1958

I am most pleased that the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee has moved so promptly to give its unanimous approval to the Senate Resolution calling on the committee to conduct a full study of all factors affecting commerce and production in the textile industry.

As a co-sponsor of the resolution, and a member of the Commerce Committee, I will support the study wholeheartedly. I intend to have field studies made in South Carolina, the leading textile state.

This is a complex matter, and one of vital importance to our whole economy. It involves many things --agriculture policy, problems of labor and transportation, the status of research and development work being conducted on natural and synthetic fibres, and world trade, with the adverse effects of cheap imports on domestic employment and industrial operation.

Since 1946, 345,000 textile jobs have disappeared. We must protect the more than 1,000,000 jobs that remain, and find ways to regain the ground that has been lost.

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